

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE INDIAN INVESTIGATION.

WORTHINGTON REPORT OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE PROF. MARSH'S CHARGES—AN OUTLINE OF THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED.

The Commission appointed to investigate the charges made by Prof. Marsh against the administration of affairs at the Indian Agency have completed their report, and will make a verbal report, which will be sent to the President, another to the Department of the Interior, and a third will probably be sent to Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, President of the Board of Indian Commissioners. The members of the Commission refuse to give the details of the report, but it is known that it will be a vindication of the late Secretary of the Interior, Columbus Delano, and of the Indian Department. It deals with the charges in order, and gives the conclusions of the Commission in relation to each. While the report will touch lightly upon the question of specific frauds, it is the Indian system of contracts and the methods of issuing supplies and annuities. It details the operations of the system, indicates the necessity for a better class of men to administer the trust reposed by the Government, and the desirability of officers of the army acting as a check upon the Indian Agents. There is decided opposition to the transfer of the Indians from the care of the Interior Department to that of the War Department. Special attention is given to the necessity for checking the operations of the Indian Agents, and the report recommends that competent army officers be selected to perform that duty.

The method of issuing the beef supplies, the report states, has also been strongly criticized. At present the cattle, after being weighed, are driven out on the plains, where the Indians get up a mock "buffalo" hunt, the cattle acting as the game. After worrying them for a mile or more the Indians finally shoot them down. The hides are taken off and those portions of the carcasses which are not a large quantity of sound, wholesome meat is left to waste. The report suggests the advisability of issuing the meat on the spot, and of not using the method of driving the cattle to the plains, where the hides are given to them in the proportions to which they would be entitled under the contract.

References are made to the beef contractor and his method of filling his contracts. The contract system has been analyzed, and exceptions have been taken to it, on the ground that the tendency is to invite bids for the furnishing of the poorest quality of goods, and at prices so low that honest dealers, who are not willing to be beaten by the contractors, who enter fictitious bids, and hope by some underhand methods to derive a dishonest profit at the expense of the Government or the Indians.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT ORIN—INCREASE IN MESSAGES AND RECEIPTS—FINANCIAL CONDITION—THE CABLE TARIFF.

The annual meeting of the Western Union Telegraph Company was held yesterday, and President Orin submitted his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875. It was very long, but the following are the principal points:

The gross receipts for the year from all sources, except proceeds of bonds, were \$6,561,274.17, the gross receipts were \$6,561,274.17, the net profit, after deducting all expenses, was \$1,498,000. All sales paid for leased lines are included in the gross receipts. Compared with the preceding fiscal year, 1874-75, there was an increase in the gross receipts of \$301,920.92; a decrease in the expenses of \$420,319.09, and an increase in the net profit of \$729,601.08.

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The capital stock of the Company is \$41,075,410, of which the company owns, and now has in the treasury, \$7,285,335. The amount of the company's indebtedness, exclusive of the bonds, is \$1,498,000. The company's assets, exclusive of the bonds, are \$1,498,000. The company's liabilities, exclusive of the bonds, are \$1,498,000.

The capital stock of the International Ocean Telegraph Company, which was organized in 1870, is \$1,000,000. The company's assets, exclusive of the bonds, are \$1,498,000. The company's liabilities, exclusive of the bonds, are \$1,498,000.

The operations of the Ocean Telegraph Company for the year ending June 30, 1875, have been as follows: Receipts, \$288,932.83; ordinary expenses, \$181,918.07; extraordinary expenses, \$106,914.41; net profit, \$106,914.41. The company's assets, exclusive of the bonds, are \$1,498,000. The company's liabilities, exclusive of the bonds, are \$1,498,000.

The number of telegraph messages received during the year was 34,553. The amount transmitted was 1,967,247.06, and the revenue accruing to the Company was \$1,967,247.06. The revenue received during the preceding year was \$1,869,541, or about 5 per cent.

From 1867 to 1875 the extent of the line has increased from 46,279 to 72,533 miles, and the wires from 55,290 to 179,234 miles, being an increase of 57 per cent of line and 110 per cent of wire. The number of offices and stations has increased from 2,455 to 6,453, equal to 156 per cent. During the same time the number of messages transmitted has increased 192 per cent, the rate of tolls has decreased 31 per cent, and the gross receipts have increased 46 per cent. The average cost per message during the same time has been reduced from 67 to 37 cents, or about 45 per cent. The increase of 192 per cent in the number of messages transmitted annually, while the mileage of wire has increased only 110 per cent, is explained by the fact that the number of messages transmitted per mile of wire has been increased 41 per cent.

The ability to make so large an increase in the carrying capacity of the wires, and at the same time to improve their conductivity and insulation, and in part to the introduction of the duplex and quadruplex apparatus, by means of which it is made to do the ordinary work of two, three, or four wires.

Referring to the tariff the report says that no general change has been made in message rates during the last year. In February last, pursuant to previous public announcement, the rates on the lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies, between New York, Albany, and Washington, and intermediate stations, were reduced to a uniform rate of 25 cents. A corresponding reduction was made by this company, which took effect on the same day. The reduced rates, after having been in operation about six months, were abandoned by an arrangement between the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies, and the rates were restored to the former rates. The fact that at the end of nine years, during which time the number of messages has increased 192 per cent, and the average cost per message has been reduced 45 per cent, it now costs to transmit a message of 37 cents per message for more than 17,000,000 messages, must be accepted as conclusive proof that a company possessing small facilities compared with ours cannot realize profit from transmitting messages at the rate of 25 cents per message. The cost to this company during the last year for expenses for the transmission of messages was an average of 21 cents per message, and the repair and maintenance of lines cost 5 cents per message. The Western Union Telegraph Company derives no profit from the transmission of messages at the rate of 25 cents, even within the short distance of 25 miles, which is the limit of that rate.

The report disclaims all control over the tariff charged by the Anglo-American Company. President Orin says that when the tariff was raised he endeavored to have it reduced, but the managers of the Cable Company declined to do so, and the tariff remained at the reduced rate. He proved entirely inadequate to insure the permanent maintenance of the cables and the expense of operating them and afford the proprietors any return upon their investment.

The stockholders then cast their ballots for directors, the only change in the ticket being in the substitution of the name of John Duff, formerly of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, for that of George H. Munford, deceased. The following members compose the Board: William Orr, James H. Barker, Alonzo B. Conder, Harrison J. Butler, Joseph H. B. Conder, Edwin D. Morgan, Augustus Schell, W. R. Thorne, C. Vanderbilt, Frank Work, Chester W. Chapin, William G. Hunt, David Jones, C. Livingston, James Milliken, John A. Mott, Levi P. Morton, O. H. Palmer, Geo. M. Pullman, E. B. Sanford, John Steward, Moses Taylor, Daniel Tormay, H. H. Vanderbilt, W. B. Verney, H. West, J. G. Mills, E. D. Worcester. During the day a rumor was started on the Stock Exchange that the Company had decided to sell 100,000 shares of stock, the proceeds to defray the cost of a new line. This story was pronounced false.

SUITS AGAINST THE CITY.

The quarterly report of the Corporation Counsel, giving the number of cases pending in the various courts in which the city, represented by the Mayor and Common Council, is either complainant or defendant, and in the majority of which the Corporation Counsel appears on behalf of the city, was given in the City Record yesterday. There are now 3,250 cases on foot. Prominent among these are the Ring cases conducted by special counsel. These have all been given at length heretofore with the amounts sought to be recovered. In most of the cases given, outside of the Ring actions, the city is the defendant. More than one-half of the suits are brought by persons who desire to have assessments vacated. The advertisement in the old Ring days figures largely, the Globe Printing Company being one of the largest. The Mayor gave the Corporation Counsel notice that no further postponement of adjournment

crushing the roof of St. Andrew's Church in Duane-st. asks for \$10,000. The counsel of Thomas C. Fields, since his \$17,700 as his salary as Corporation Attorney. The most surprising claim is that of John H. Stiles, who makes a demand for \$450,800, expenses incurred as attorney for the city as salary as Corporation Attorney. Nearly all the proprietors of the theaters and other places of amusement sue to recover \$500, the amount of their license fee. There is a suit in the courts to test the constitutionality of the act compelling them to pay a license fee. Andrew Cowen and Michael Connolly, for personal injuries received, asked for \$200,000 each. They received suits for \$16,250, money alleged to be due on the Hackley contract. The total suits against the city amount to several millions of dollars.

A NATIONAL GUARD PARADE.

REVIEW OF THE FIRST DIVISION BY GOV. TILDEN—LARGE ATTENDANCE OF SOLDIERS AND SPECTATORS.

The First Division National Guard, paraded on Fifth-ave. yesterday afternoon, and was reviewed by Gov. Tilden. The division formed on Fifth-ave. at 3 p.m., with the right resting on Third-st. A large number of spectators assembled to witness the display, and occupied the sidewalks from Fourth-st. to the North Monument, where the review took place.

At 3:30 p.m. Gov. Tilden appeared on the ground in civilian's dress, mounted, and accompanied by his staff, in full uniform, as follows: Adj.-Gen. Franklin Tilden, Inspector Gen. J. B. Woodward, Brig.-Gen. Charles Knox, Chief of Ordnance, Brig.-Gen. Charles Hughes, Brig.-Gen. John A. Dix, Brig.-Gen. E. M. Cullen, Encl.-Brig.-Gen. E. A. Flint, Jr., Surgeon-General, Judge-Gen. E. A. Elsworth, Quartermaster-General, Brig.-Gen. H. Uhl, Paymaster-General, Brig.-Gen. Charles Smythe, Commissary-General, Adju.-Camp Col. Peck, Tracy, Strong, Stokes, and Bartlett; Col. George W. Wingate, General Inspector of Rifle Practice, and Col. W. T. Pelton, Military Secretary. The Governor and staff, escorted by the Washington Gray Cavalry, rode the whole length of the line, and then took a position at the left of the stand, where the division was reviewed. A large number of mounted police, headed the column, followed by Superintendent Walling and his staff, supported by the Broadway platoon. Major-Gen. Shaler, commanding the division, followed, accompanied by his staff. Gen. J. M. Varian, with his staff, led the Third Brigade. The 7th Regiment, Col. Emmons Clark, came first, with 10 companies of 24 files front, in heavy marching order, headed by Grady's Band. The 9th Regiment, Col. Hitchcock, came next, marching in column of 12 files front, with 10 companies. The 11th Regiment, Col. Smith, followed, marching in column of 12 files front, with 10 companies. The 12th Regiment, Col. Porter, followed, marching in column of 12 files front, with 10 companies. The 13th Regiment, Col. Porter, followed, marching in column of 12 files front, with 10 companies. The 14th Regiment, Col. Porter, followed, marching in column of 12 files front, with 10 companies. The 15th Regiment, Col. Porter, followed, marching in column of 12 files front, with 10 companies. The 16th Regiment, Col. Porter, followed, marching in column of 12 files front, with 10 companies. The 17th Regiment, Col. 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THE AMERICAN BIBLE UNION.

THE REV. DR. ARMISTEAD AS PRESIDENT.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the American Bible Union was held yesterday at the Baptist Ministers' Temple at Henry and Oliver-sts. The Rev. Dr. Armistead, of New York, presided. The meeting was opened by the singing of hymns, and the reading of the Scriptures. Dr. Armistead then delivered an address, in which he reviewed the progress of the Union during the past year. He stated that the Union had a total of 17,153,710, being an increase of \$24,454 over the preceding year.

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